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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENTARY ON "DESTABILIZATION" CAMPAIGN

1. NOVEMBER 15 GOVERNMENT-OWNED CRONICA CARRIES PAGE-TWO ARTICLE ENTITLED "REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE DESTABILIZED" AND SUBTITLED "REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT ASKS PEACE CORPS TO LEAVE". CRONICA COMMENTS THAT PEACE CORPS DEPARTURE, VELASCO REVELATION THAT THREE AMERICAN EMBASSY DIPLOMATS WERE EXPELLED BECAUSE OF CIA ACTIVITIES AND PERUVIAN TIMES' CLOSURE "REVEAL - IN THE OPINION OF OBSERVERS - THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEGUN A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE TO PREVENT 'DESTABLIZATION' EFFORTS AGAINST THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS". ARTICLE STATES THAT ERNEST SIRACUSA AND FRANK V. ORTIZ JR. WERE WITHDRAWN FROM LIMA AT GOP REQUEST. CRONICA SAYS THAT "BOLIVIAN PUBLIC OPINION TIED SIRACUSA DIRECTLY TO THE FALL OF TORRES". IT ADDS THAT SHORTLY AFTER AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA'S ARRIVAL IN URUGUAY, BORDABERRY EXECUTED A SELF-COUP, DISSOLVING PARLIAMENT."

2. FRANCISCO MONCLOA, INFLUENTIAL RADICAL COLUMNIST WRITING IN NOVEMBER 15 EXPRESO, STATES THAT "WE ARE, IN EFFECT, FACING A REAL INTERNATI*(CONSPIRACY DESTINED VAINLY TO 'DESTABILIZE' THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS." AFTER DEFENDING PERUVIAN-JAPANESE PIPELINE AGREEMENT, NOTING THAT

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IT IS MADNESS TO THINK THAT A LENDER WOULD SUBMIT TO A

BORROWER'S COURT, MONCLOA NOTES THAT THIS IS WHERE ONE FINDS THE CIA TRAP. CIA IS ACCUSED OF TRYING TO CONFUSE PERUVIAN PUBLIC OPINION BY CLAIMING THAT PIPELINE FINANCING AGREEMENT IS SIMILAR TO PETROLEUM CONCESSION CONTRACTS. MONCLOA CONCLUDES THAT CIA'S EYES ARE ON PERU.

3. NOVEMBER 14 ULTIMA HORA CARTOONIST DEPICTS PRESIDENT VELASCO SAYING "BLESSED ARE THE DESTABILIZERS FOR THEY WILL BE CRUCIFIED".
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